

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Serve DC**

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMISSION ON NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

“Safe Schools, Safe Students” in the District of Columbia

K-12 Learn and Serve America School-Based Grants

Summary: Serve DC announces the availability of K-12 Learn and Serve School-Based funds for the **Safe Schools, Safe Students Initiative for grants up to \$50,000**. Awards will be made to organizations addressing school security concerns through the active participation of students in District of Columbia middle schools/junior high or high schools. Learn and Serve America creates opportunities for youth to serve their communities through volunteerism while increasing their academic achievement in one or more academic subjects. The initiative will support a wide range of program activities that fall under the rubric of school-based crisis planning that includes 1) mitigation/prevention, 2) preparedness, 3) response, and 4) recovery. Applicants may be eligible for funding if they work in one or more of these phases and propose to address issues that include: school violence, bullying, intolerance, natural disasters, severe weather, fires, chemical or hazardous spills, medical emergencies, student/staff deaths, school shootings, bomb threats or other acts of terror. Applicants must propose to implement service-learning projects that connect school and student safety to one or more core curriculum standards.

Criteria for eligible applicants: Eligible applicants are public middle/junior and high schools including public charter schools in partnership with at least one additional organization. Public school partners may include private/independent schools, for-profit businesses, institutions of higher education and other non-profits including faith-based organizations. The partnerships are responsible for implementation, replication, and/or expansion of service-learning activities in their school and local community. All projects must operate a program within the District of Columbia. Projects that operate in designated Hot Spots will receive extra points. For Hot Spot locations, please visit www.serve.dc.gov

An organization described in Section 501 (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 501 (c) (4), that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to apply, serve as a host site for members, or act in any type of supervisory role in the program. **Individuals are not eligible to apply.**

All eligible applicants must meet all of the applicable requirements contained in the application guidelines and instructions. The Request for Application (RFA) will be released on March 28, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. **The deadline for submission is April 27, 2005 at 5:00 pm.**

The schedule for technical assistance sessions is as follows: April 7, 2005 and April 12, 2005. **All interested applicants must register and attend the technical assistance session in order to apply for funds.** Please prepare by reading the RFA carefully. To RSVP for a training session, contact Christy Venable, National Service Program Officer at (202)-727-7925. Technical Assistance session date and times will be posted on our website at www.serve.dc.gov.

Serve DC anticipates awarding grants of up to \$50,000 for Safe Schools, Safe Students grants. Applicants must provide a total of 30% match in cash or in-kind Federal or non-Federal sources. The actual number and dollar amount of the awards will depend on the number of approved applications received.

Applications can be obtained starting at 9:00 AM on March 28, 2005 from 441 4th Street NW, Suite 1040S, Washington, DC 20001 or downloaded and printed from our website at www.serve.dc.gov. For additional information please call Rebecca Stewart, Learn and Serve Program Officer, at (202)-727-7925.

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